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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING OF MARCH 10

REF: A. USUN 777, B. CAPE TOWN 482, C. STATE 58165,
D. USUN 805

1. IN KEEPING WITH REASONING DISCUSSED REF A, CONTACT
GROUP AGREED MARCH 10 TO FOLLOWING NEXT STEPS IN NAMIBIA
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(A) MARCH 13: CONCLUDE CLARIFICATIONS OF
PROPOSAL AND REFER REVISED PROPOSAL TO CAPITALS FOR
APPROVAL;

(B) MARCH 15: PROVIDE COPIES OF FINAL
PROPOSAL TO FRONTLINE HEADS OF STATE;

(C) MARCH 18: PROVIDE COPIES TO SWAPO AND
SOUTH AFRICA;

(D) SHORTLY AFTER COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA MEETINGS
IN LUSAKA (WHICH RUN FROM MARCH 20-25): TAKE PROPOSALS
TO SECURITY COUNCIL.

COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS
SCHEDULE MAY BE UNREALISTIC BUT BELIEVE THAT EVERY EFFORT
MUST BE MADE TO MEET IT. END COMMENT.

2. CONTACT GROUP AGREED THAT IN THE MEANTIME INFORMAL
APPROACHES SHOULD BE MADE TO SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA ALONG
THE FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) SOUTH AFRICA: AN INFORMAL APPROACH SHOULD
BE MADE BY CAPE TOWN FIVE TO BRAND FOURIE IN RESPONSE TO
THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY BOTHA DURING MARCH 5 MEETING AND
THE COMMENTS MADE BY FOURIE ON MARCH 8. APPROACH SHOULD
BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DRAFT TALKING POINTS ARE
CONTAINED SEPTEL.

(B) LUSAKA FIVE SHOULD ARRANGE FOR AN INFORMAL,
NON-SUBSTANTIVE APPROACH TO BE MADE TO SWAPO PRESIDENT
SAM NUJOMA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN
LUSAKA. WE UNDERSTAND FROM SWAPO UN REP GURIRAB THAT
NUJOMA IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN LUSAKA PM SUNDAY, MARCH
12. DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOLLOW SEPTEL.

3. ALL FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE APPROVED DRAFT TALKING
POINTS (REF D) FOR APPROACH TO ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER
JORGE. FRENCH AND BRITISH HAVE INSTRUCTED THEIR CHARGES
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IN LUANDA TO CARRY OUT APPROACH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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